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Florida's Electric Cooperatives: Energy Amendment Misleads Voters

Brief Filed with Supreme Court Outlines Concerns About Ballot Initiative

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Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Electric Cooperatives Association (FECA) today weighed in against the energy ballot initiative by filing an initial brief with the Florida Supreme Court. FECA's brief demonstrates that the ballot summary misleads voters by failing to inform them of how the initiative will impact Florida's not-for-profit electric cooperatives and their consumer-members.

"Florida's electric cooperatives are seriously concerned that the ballot summary attempts to dupe voters into believing that cooperatives are not affected," said Amanda Bevis, spokesperson for FECA. "In reality, the amendment will have immediate and far-reaching impacts on cooperatives and their consumer-members."

The brief explains that cooperatives will be unable to avoid impacts of the amendment, regardless of whether they opt into a newly formed competitive market under the initiative. In fact, the amendment would substantially impair wholesale power supply agreements and invalidate service area boundary agreements that enable cooperatives to meet the needs of their consumer-members.

The brief also shows the far-flung initiative violates the Florida Constitution's single subject requirement because it combines separate and distinct subjects and makes multiple dramatic changes to the constitution.

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The [brief](#), which was filed with the Florida Supreme Court today and provided to the Attorney General, can be accessed through the Florida Supreme Court Docket. The brief was filed by the law firm of Holland & Knight, counsel for FECA.

Florida's electric cooperatives deliver safe, affordable and reliable electricity to their communities. Cooperatives are not-for-profit. They are owned by their consumer-members, and decisions are member-driven.

FECA represents 15 electric distribution cooperatives and two generation and transmission cooperatives, serving approximately 2 million Floridians. For more information about FECA, including a list of its members, visit: <http://www.feca.com>.

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